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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2004, making a response due on December 30, 2004. Our check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed with this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Application Number 10/697,841			Filed October 30, 2003	
For TOPOGRAPHY AND RECOGNITION IMAGING ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE AND METHOD OF OPERATION				
Art Unit 2877			Examiner Michael T. Cygan	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.				
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):				
		<u>Fee</u>	Small Entity Fee	
	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) .	\$120	\$60	\$
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	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$
	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$
	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.				
A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.				
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